

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 1996 - 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL IV

*** SAFETY COMES FIRST ON EVERY FIRE, EVERY TIME ***

CURRENT SITUATION: Increased fire activity was experienced in California, Western Great Basin, Northwest and the Northern Rockies. Type I Incident Management Teams were committed in Northern California and the Northern Rockies. The Western Great Basin committed two Type II Incident Management Teams. Eight MAFFS Units were activated for California. Resource mobilization through NICC remained high.

Northwest Large Fires:

WHEELER, Umatilla NF. A State Type II Incident Management Team (Hunt) is assigned. This fire made a major run toward the community of Spray, OR and a precautionary evacuation was conducted. No structures have been destroyed within the town. Eighteen structures scattered outside of Spray were destroyed, 13 of which were residences. Crew transport to the fire has been a problem.

WILDCAT, Malheur NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Dubois) is assigned. The fire is 10 miles southeast of John Day, OR. Extreme fire behavior continued on the north and east flanks. Permanent and summer residences, the Blue Mountain Hot Springs Resort and recreational areas remain threatened.

SIMNASHO, Warm Springs Agency, BIA. A Type I Incident Management Team (Porter) has been assigned. This fire is burning in grass, brush and timber 10 miles north of Warm Springs, OR. Scattered residences along Highway 3 were evacuated last night due to increased fire activity. The Kah-nee-tah Resort, near Warm Springs, is threatened. Structure protection is in place and has been successful thus far. The lower Deschutes River was closed to recreationalists. Contingency plans to evacuate cabins along the river are being prepared. Steep terrain is hampering suppression efforts.

SLOAN'S RIDGE, Wallowa-Whitman NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Payne) is assigned. The fire is burning in subalpine fir and lodgepole 12 miles northwest of Sumpter, OR. High winds, dry fuels and limited access are hindering containment objectives. The fire has moved into heavy fuels in the Powder River watershed. Threatened and endangered species of fish may be affected by this blaze. Hazardous mine shafts and explosives in the area have created safety concerns. A historic cabin and mining claims remain threatened.

SALT COMPLEX, Wallowa-Whitman NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Bailey) and a Type II Incident Management Team (Lukens) are assigned. The fires are burning on the Oregon/Idaho border of the Hells Canyon Recreation Area. The complex consists of the SALT CREEK and HEAVEN'S GATE fires. Steep, rocky terrain makes access to the Heaven's Gate fire difficult. A historic ranch on the Idaho side of this fire was destroyed. Smoke has limited visibility in the area. The National Recreation Area on the Oregon side is threatened.

DONNEYBROOK (Previously reported as ASHWOOD), Oregon State. This fire is burning around the community of Ashwood, OR., 20 miles northeast of Madras, OR. A successful burnout operation was conducted yesterday. Retardant was used to minimize fire spread into steep, timber areas. Residences in Ashwood are threatened. CEDAR, Vale District, BLM. This fire is near Cedar Mountain, OR. Strong winds and dry fuels have hampered containment objectives. Two ranches are threatened.

BOWIE ROAD (Previously reported as AIRWAY HEIGHTS), Washington State. This fire is burning near Fairchild Air Force Base and the Spokane, WA. International Airport. Two residences and 5 outbuildings were confirmed as destroyed. Crews made good progress toward containment.

COYLE BUTTE, Ochoco National Forest. This fire is burning in pine and fir thickets 24 miles north of Prineville, OR. Mop-up of hot spots continues.

One fire is in a confinement suppression strategy totalling 740 acres.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	%	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	SSS C-T-D
WHEELER	UMF	OR	20,869	30	UNK	834	27	53	6	18	NR	735K
WILDCAT	MAF	OR	10,000	2	UNK	142	2	11	0	0	NR	329K
SIMNASHO	WSA	OR	22,000	0	UNK	346	5	32	5	0	NR	NR
SLOAN'S RIDGE	WWF	OR	9,000	15	8/18	1,173	43	18	7	0	NR	2.3M
SALT COMPLEX	WWF	OR	43,240	50	8/17	524	16	19	8	0	NR	626K
DONNEYBROOK	ORS	OR	70,000	NR	NR	10	NR	2	NR	NR	NR	NR
CEDAR MOUNTAIN	VAD	OR	2,600	0	UNK	121	6	1	0	0	NR	NR
BOWIE ROAD	WAS	WA	3,800	90	8/13	572	11	82	4	7	650K	300K
COYLE BUTTE	OCF	OR	200	80	8/13	390	16	5	0	0	NR	206K
BENCHMARK	UPF	OR	216	100	---	235	9	11	2	0	780K	850K
TIM'S PEAK	VAD	OR	220	100	---	40	2	0	0	0	NR	NR
FIFERS	COA	WA	274	100	---	55	1	10	1	0	75K	50K
BROWN BUTTE	VAD	OR	2,200	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR	NR

Northern California Large Fires:

FORKS, Mendocino NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Kohut) is assigned. The fire is burning near the town of Clearlake, CA. Late last evening the fire made a major run and all control lines were lost. A mandatory evacuation of approximately 40 scattered homes was issued. No structure loss has been reported. Additional structure protection engines have been ordered.

COOKS, Plumas NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Giachino) is assigned. This fire is burning in heavy logging slash 6 miles northeast of Greenville, CA. Good progress was made on line construction despite strong winds. Demobilization of resources has begun.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	%	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	SSS C-T-D
FORKS	MNF	CA	600	10	UNK	629	26	25	5	0	NR	NR
COOKS	PNF	CA	1,260	95	8/13	815	19	16	3	0	NR	1.8M

Southern California Large Fires:

WOLFSKILL, Riverside Ranger Unit, California State. A State Type I Incident Management Team (Wright) is assigned. This fire is burning in steep terrain near Banning, CA. Gusty winds associated with thunderstorms caused increased spread on the fire.

BEAR, Tuolumne-Calaveras Ranger Unit, California State. A State Type I Incident Management Team (Delap) is assigned. No other information was reported. TUOLUMNE COMPLEX, Tuolumne-Calaveras ranger Unit, California State.

A State Type I Incident Management Team (Ditullio) is assigned. This complex is located in the Red Hills area, south of Highway 108 in Tuolumne County. The complex consists 6 fires, the largest is the KEYSTONE which has burned the movie set used in the filming of the movie Back To The Future III. No containment or resource information was reported.

ESPERANZA COMPLEX, Tuolumne-Calaveras Ranger Unit, California State. The complex consists of the SUMMIT LEVEL, SHEEP RANCH and MANUAL fires which are burning in Calaveras County north of Highway 4. No containment or resource information was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	SSS C-T-D
WOLFSKILL	RRU	CA	900	10	UNK	307	10	30	3	0	NR	NR
BEAR	TCU	CA	1,000	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
TUOLUMNE CMLX	TCU	CA	1,000	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
ESPERANZA CMLX	TCU	CA	1,600	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR

Western Great Basin Large Fires:

HUMBOLDT, Winnemucca District, BLM. A Type II Incident Management Team (Burdick) is assigned. This fire burned rapidly through grass and heavy sage 45 miles northeast of Winnemucca, NV. A Wilderness Study Area, ranch structures on the east and south flanks and a miners camp are currently threatened. Erratic winds and low fuel moistures are causing control problems.

POLE CREEK, Winnemucca District, BLM. This fire is threatening 7 residences, ranch buildings and livestock 15 miles southwest of Golconda, NV. Steep terrain, limited access and high winds are hampering suppression efforts.

MT. JACKSON, Toiyabe NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Carlson) is assigned. Strong, gusty winds from thunderstorms created extreme fire behavior on this fire located 5 miles north of Bridgeport, CA. Current threats are to a Wilderness Study Area, watershed, fishery and recreation resources.

DIXIE, Carson City District, BLM. This fire is burning in the Stillwater Mountains, 50 miles northeast of Fallon, NV. Control problems include poor access and steep terrain. There is a remote threat to a ranch in the area.

LITTLE VALLEY, Carson City District, BLM. This fire is burning 20 miles north of Fernley, NV. No other information was received.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	SSS C-T-D
HUMBOLDT	WID	NV	6,000	0	UNK	25	0	7	1	0	NR	NR
POLE CREEK	WID	NV	500	20	UNK	28	1	0	1	0	NR	NR
MT. JACKSON	TOF	NV	800	10	8/15	44	1	2	1	0	NR	18K
DIXIE	CCD	NV	300	65	8/13	75	3	0	1	0	NR	69K
DRIPPING SPRING	LAP	NV	175	100	----	51	1	2	2	0	NR	43K
LITTLE VALLEY	CCD	NV	2,000	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR

Northern Rockies Large Fires:

COYOTE, Lewis and Clark NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Frye) is assigned. The fire is burning within a logging operation 15 miles south of Monarch, MT. Extreme burning conditions, steep terrain and heavy fuel loads are creating control problems.

WILLOW CREEK, Bitterroot NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Spradlin) is assigned. The fire is burning in steep, rugged terrain southwest of Missoula, MT. Structure protection for a residence within one-quarter mile of the fire continues. Helicopter bucket drops on the west side of the fire aided firefighters in line construction. Difficult terrain and hot, dry weather are hindering containment objectives.

MOOSE BUTTE COMPLEX, Nez Perce NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Cowin) is assigned to this incident south of Elk City, ID. The MOOSE BUTTE and LITTLE GREEN MOUNTAIN fires are included in this complex. Firefighters continued to improve control lines on the Moose Butte fire. Islands of unburned fuel, spotting, and inaccessibility have hampered suppression efforts on the Green Mountain fire. The Green Mountain Lookout is threatened.

One fire is in confinement suppression strategy totalling 220 acres.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	SSS C-T-D
COYOTE	LCF	MT	2,500	0	8/16	80	2	4	1	0	1K	25K
WILLOW CREEK	BRF	MT	125	10	UNK	243	9	3	0	0	NR	192K
MOOSE CREEK	NPF	MT	255	30	UNK	351	12	0	3	0	NR	NR
MORIGEAU	FHA	MT	800	100	---	70	2	4	1	0	NR	NR
CLUBFOOTE	NCA	MT	820	100	---	330	8	21	1	0	NR	310K
COYOTE II	FBA	MT	200	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR	NR

Eastern Great Basin Large Fires:

A National Area Command Team (Caplinger) is assigned to the Richfield District, BLM and Fishlake NF.

VIVIAN PARK COMPLEX, Uinta NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Furlong) is assigned. The fire is 6 miles northeast of Orem, UT. The complex consists of the TANK and SOUTHFORK fires which are controlled and the VIVIAN PARK fire. The Vivian Park fire is 250 acres. Current threats are to a subdivision and girl scout camp. Good progress was made on the Vivian Park near the subdivision.

HENS PEAK, Fishlake NF. This fire is located 11 miles northeast of Loa, UT. Burnout operations conducted yesterday were successful. Fire behavior included torching and spotting of up to 1/4 mile. Low fuel moisture is causing control problems. Current threats are to timber sales and spruce plantations.

ADELAIDE COMPLEX, Fishlake NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Shive) is assigned. The fires are 5 miles southeast of Kanosh, UT. The complex consists of the ADALAIDE and DOG MOUNTAIN fires. A slopover in Big Cottonwood Canyon displayed extreme fire behavior, hindering containment objectives. The remaining perimeter experienced minimal fire activity. Livestock and private property are threatened.

HONEY BOY, Cedar City District, BLM. A Type II Incident Management Team (Martin) is assigned. This fire is 5 miles southeast of Milford, UT. No new information received. Three fires are in a confinement suppression strategy totalling 6,104 acres.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	%	EST CTN	TOTAL CTN	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOST	SSS LOSS	C-T-D
VIVIAN PEAK	UIF	UT	3,400	50	8/13	487	19	4	5	0	NR	1.1M	
HENS PEAK	FIF	UT	560	50	8/18	154	6	2	3	0	15K	150K	
ADELAIDE CPLX	FIF	UT	15,100	90	8/15	641	18	8	6	0	3.5M	2.5M	
HONEY BOY	CCD	UT	10,477	90	8/12	400	12	8	5	2	NR	2.3M	
APPLE VALLEY	BOD	ID	9,748	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR	NR	

Rocky Mountain Large Fires:

MONCRIEF RIDGE, Big Horn NF. This fire is burning 7 miles from Story, Wy. A Type II Incident Management Team (Hawkins) is assigned. Expected thunderstorms did not materialize allowing crews to make good progress.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	%	EST CTN	TOTAL CTN	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOST	SSS LOSS	C-T-D
MONCRIEF	BHF	WY	300	10	UNK	351	15	5	3	0	NR	80K	
MURPHY/BEAR CPX	MBF	WY	7,493	100	----	727	22	22	4	6	517K	5M	

Southwest Area Large Fires:

Three fires are in a confinement suppression strategy totalling 835 acres.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	%	EST CTN	TOTAL CTN	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOST	SSS LOSS	C-T-D
POWERLINE	TCA	AZ	300	0	8/12	34	1	4	0	0	NR	19K	

TCA = Truxton Canyon Agency, BIA

Alaska Large Fires: Seventeen fires are in a non-suppression status totalling 434,199 acres.

OUTLOOK:

*** A FIRE WEATHER WATCH IS POSTED FOR DRY LIGHTNING IN EASTERN ***
 *** OREGON, CENTRAL NEVADA, CENTRAL/SOUTHERN IDAHO AND WESTERN WYOMING ***

Very strong high pressure aloft, centered over southern Utah, will bring another hot and dry day to most of the West. Unstable air combined with enough moisture will produce widely scattered afternoon and evening thunderstorms from the Sierra Nevada Mountains in California across the Great Basin and into the desert Southwest. Isolated thunderstorms could extend as far north as eastern Oregon and the southern Oregon Cascades. Spotty moisture will accompany the thunderstorms in California, but the thunderstorms in Nevada, central/southern Idaho and western Wyoming will be mostly dry. Isolated dry thunderstorms are also possible in Utah and Colorado. High temperatures will range from the 80's in western Washington to near 118 in the desert Southwest, most areas will be in the 90's to just over 100.

FIRES: Yesterday

AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA							0
NORTHWEST	0	3			5	3	11
CA-NORTHERN		7			31	106	144
CA-SOUTHERN		3		4	31	30	68
NORTHERN	6				1	20	27
GB-EASTERN		1			1	2	4
GB-WESTERN		9		0		5	14
SOUTHWEST	1	4				7	12
ROCKY MTN	4				1	5	10
EASTERN							NR
SOUTHERN							NR
USA	11	27				178	290

ACRES BURNED: Yesterday

AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA							0
NORTHWEST	7,000	4,820			2	11,533	23,355
CA-NORTHERN		10			417	638	1,065
CA-SOUTHERN		100		2	4,646	10	4,758
NORTHERN	610				5	209	824
GB-EASTERN		0			0	130	130
GB-WESTERN		6,517		75		6	6,598
SOUTHWEST	300	273				430	1,003
ROCKY MTN	0				1	2	3
EASTERN							NR
SOUTHERN							NR
USA	7,910	11,720	0	77	5,071	12,958	37,736

RESOURCE	RESOURCE STATUS: Committed Resources										
	CREWS		ENGINES		HELICPTR		AIRTANKER		OVERHEAD		
	FED	NON	FED	NON	FED	NON	FED	NON	FED	NON	
ALASKA											
NORTHWEST	97	16	130	97	28	4	5		265	154	
CA-NORTHERN	41	22	73	16	12	3	7	3	453	35	
CA-SOUTHERN	4	10	20	19	8	2	2	3	5	38	
NORTHERN	50	1	41	28	15	3	1		250	45	
GB-EASTERN	53	2	57		18	4			587	81	
GB-WESTERN	10	5	10		8	2			20	10	
SOUTHWEST	3		14		3				2		
ROCKY MTN	51		29	24	17	4	5		250	69	
EASTERN											
SOUTHERN											
USA	309	56	374	184	109	22	20	6	1,832	432	

FED = FEDERAL AND FEDERAL CONTRACT RESOURCES

NON = NON FEDERAL RESOURCES

NR = No report.

AREA	FIRES: Year to date							TOTAL
	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS		
ALASKA	6	46	30	6	535	18	641	
NORTHWEST	150	214	9	18	927	611	1,929	
CA-NORTHERN	36	44	1	16	1,621	558	2,276	
CA-SOUTHERN	7	285	2	67	3,028	697	4,086	
NORTHERN	663	47	46	16	311	642	1,725	
GB-EASTERN	46	559		15	319	461	1,400	
GB-WESTERN		506	3	47	80	135	771	
SOUTHWEST	1,081	255	13	70	1,302	1,875	4,596	
ROCKY MTN	735	739		44	716	484	2,718	
EASTERN	244			61	11,707	334	12,346	
SOUTHERN	77		103	79	45,925	1,129	47,313	
USA	3,045	2,695	207	439	66,471	6,944	79,801	
5 YEAR AVERAGE							54,975	

AREA	ACRES BURNED: Year to date							TOTAL
	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS		
ALASKA	16	205,422	133,561	4,379	257,104	168	600,650	
NORTHWEST	27,962	107,435	2,348	3	25,167	84,081	246,996	
CA-NORTHERN	125	1,038	0	366	12,089	8,724	22,342	
CA-SOUTHERN	977	33,970	30	2,424	110,403	35,539	183,363	
NORTHERN	12,148	2,946	3,054	51	31,538	14,626	64,363	
GB-EASTERN	393	654,710		8,118	59,584	48,999	771,804	
GB-WESTERN		128,152	602	209	2,558	10,236	141,757	

SOUTHWEST	36,705	8,895	3,057	5,239	71,452	206,571	331,919
ROCKY MTN	24,880	28,245		5,896	29,949	34,145	123,115
EASTERN	566			533	153,989	18,420	173,508
SOUTHERN	1,781		30,076	10,892	1,027,922	41,878	1,112,549
USA	105,573	1,170,813	172,728	38,110	1,781,755	503,387	3,772,366
5 YEAR AVERAGE							1,682,420

CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES

PROVINCES	YESTERDAY		YEAR TO DATE	
BRITISH COLUMBIA	66	60	901	17,613
YUKON TERRITORY	0	0	144	93,301
ALBERTA	4	0	290	1,899
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	2	8	340	322,117
SASKATCHEWAN	1	1,400	372	12,555
MANITOBA	2	2	359	75,731
ONTARIO	6	481	1,067	453,466
QUEBEC	7	16	1,038	509,418
NEWFOUNDLAND	0	0	123	27,537
NEW BRUNSWICK	2	0	261	1,572
NOVA SCOTIA	0	0	238	629
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	23	195
NATIONAL PARKS	0	1	52	15,039
TOTALS	90	1,967	5,208	1,531,072

A hectare is equivalent to 2.47 acres.

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